

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2024 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chair Nina Marshtein, PG, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Other Board members present included Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG, Susan Fulmer, PG, and Dr. Scott Harris, PG.

Staff members present included Mary League, Esq., Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; and Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator.

Others present included Nadine Garrick, Court Reporter (Creel Court Reporting).

**Statement of Public Notice**

Chair Marshtein stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The meeting is being held via video and teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To adopt the April 23, 2024 agenda, with 10.c.2 (David Clextion) and 10.c.3 (Prosper Gbolo) moved to 10.d.3 and 10.d.4 respectively.  
Ichimura/Fulmer/approved.

**Introduction of Board Members and Staff**

Board members, staff, and others participating in the meeting introduced themselves.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

There were no absences.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the January 30, 2024, meeting, with the name in the Statement of Public Notice corrected to Susan Fulmer.  
Fulmer/Harris/approved.

**Board Chair Remarks**

There were no Board Chair remarks.

**Staff Reports**

**A. Board Executive's Report**

- Mr. Rose congratulated Dr. Ichimura and M. Marshtein on their reappointments to the Board.
- Mr. Rose welcomed Dr. Scott Harris to the Board.
- The Board is still in need of a public member.
- The Board has 51 Geologists-in-Training and 574 Professional Geologists actively licensed.

- The second session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Assembly convened Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>. There are no updates for the Geology Board.

**B. Finance Report**

Mr. Rose stated that the Board has a cash balance of \$329,385.69 as of March 31, 2024.

**C. Advisory Opinions**

Mrs. League did not have any advisory opinions.

**D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report**

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

**E. Investigative Review Committee Report**

Mr. Rose stated there is no Investigative Review Committee Report.

**F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

**Old Business**

**A. Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Member Recommendation(s)**

Mr. Rose stated that the Board is still in need of IRC members and explained what the position entails.

**New Business**

**A. GIT Applications**

**1. Campbell, Riley**

Dr. Harris made a motion to request that Riley Campbell appear before the Board to further explain their educational credentials, Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**2. Epperson, Erin**

M. Fulmer recused themselves as a work associate of the applicant and exited the meeting. Dr. Harris made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam, Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. M. Fulmer returned following the motion.

**B. GEO Applications**

**1. Palaparthi, Jyothirmayi**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the PG exam. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**C. Reciprocity Applications**

**1. Bruzzesi, Michael**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept the reciprocity application. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. **Pressley, Michael**  
Dr. Harris made a motion to accept the reciprocity application. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Rogerson, Ethan**  
Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept the reciprocity application pending the correction of the “yes” answer to question 7 in William Regenthal’s professional reference. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **D. Endorsement Applications**

1. **Bambach, Philip**  
M. Fulmer made a motion to accept the endorsement application. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. **Starr, Nathan**  
Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept the endorsement application. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Clexton, Davi**  
Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept the endorsement application. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. **Gbolo, Prosper**  
M. Fulmer made a motion to accept the endorsement application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **E. Reinstatement Applications**

1. **Turner, Christopher**  
M. Fulmer made a motion to accept the reinstatement application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **F. 2024 Election of Officers**

Dr. Ichimura nominated Nina Marshtein as Chair. M. Fulmer seconded the nomination, and all voted in favor.

Dr. Ichimura nominated Susan Fulmer as Vice Chair. Dr. Harris seconded the nomination, and all voted in favor.

#### **G. National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) – 2024 Call for Nominations**

Johnnie Rose stated that ASBOG is seeking nominations for Secretary for the 2025 Slate of Officers.

#### **H. Review of Continuing Education Audits for Reporting year 2021 through 2023**

Dr. Harris made a motion to defer this item to the next meeting. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **I. Review of Board’s Applications for Updates and Implementation**

Dr. Harris made a motion to accept the changes to the applications as presented. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**J. Review and Recommendations of Approval Process for Initial Applications**

Dr. Harris made a motion that applications for reciprocity and endorsement be reviewed by a Board Member for approval or elevation to the full Board. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**K. 2024 Upcoming Board Travel**

M. Fulmer made a motion that 2 Board Members and 1 staff attend the ASBOG Fall Meeting. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn.  
Dr. Harris/Dr. Ichimura/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.